

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Michael K. MACKAY et al.) Group Art Unit: 2131
Application No. 09/653,517) Examiner: Shin-Hon CHEN
Filed: August 31, 2000) Confirmation No.: 4624
For: DATA PROTECTION SYSTEMS)
AND METHODS)

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

In connection with the Request for Continuation Examination filed herewith,
please amend the above-identified application as set forth below and consider the
following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.